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RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ELECTION OF SPECIES (37 CFR §1.146)

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A request for election of species was mailed on August 28, 2003, with the Examiner identifying species A-D. Please note that it appears the invention (as claimed) may be misunderstood, and that the species may be misidentified. In this respect, it may be useful to review the Summary of the Invention at pages 3-6 of the application: as briefly reviewed in this section, the cabinet of species A (primarily shown in Figs. 1-2) is usable with the dividing unit of Fig. 4 and/or with one of the roll racks of (1) Figs. 5-6, (2) Figs. 7-8, or (3) Figs. 9-10. Fig. 3 specifically illustrates the combination of both the dividing unit of Fig. 4 and the roll rack of Figs. 5-6 within the cabinet of Figs. 1-2. In the claims:

- Claims 1-8: Encompass species A (Figs. 1-2), with claims 7-8 particularly encompassing species A used with the dividing unit of Fig. 4.
- Claims 9-18: Encompass species A (Figs. 1-2) particularly in conjunction with a roll rack such as the one illustrated in (1) Figs. 5-6, (2) Figs. 7-8, or (3) Figs. 9-10, with claims 13-14 particularly encompassing species A used with the dividing unit of Fig. 4.

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